

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 180

Introduced by Assembly Members Shirley Horton and Wyland

January 27, 2003

An act to add Section 9103 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to aging, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 180, as introduced, Shirley Horton. California Department of Aging: area agencies on aging: electronic transfer of funds.

Existing law declares the mission of the California Department of Aging to provide leadership to the area agencies on aging in developing systems of home- and community-based services to maintain individuals in their own homes or in the least restrictive homelike environments. Under existing law, the department distributes funds to the area agencies on aging, as the local units on aging in California, in accordance with specified criteria.

This bill would require the department, in consultation with the Controller, to develop and implement a procedure for the electronic transfer of funds from the department to the area agencies on aging, for the programs and services administered by the area agencies on aging.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 9103 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

9103. (a) No later than August 1, 2004, the department, in consultation with the Controller, shall develop and implement a procedure for the electronic transfer of funds from the department to the area agencies on aging, for the programs and services administered by the area agencies on aging under Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 9400).

(b) The procedure developed pursuant to this section shall be used by the Controller for the transfer of all funds allocated to area agencies on aging, including, but not limited to, those received by the department pursuant to the federal Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.). The department shall submit appropriate documentation to the Controller to facilitate the electronic transfer of funds.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order that funds may be electronically transferred from the California Department of Aging to area agencies on aging at the earliest possible time, thereby providing needed programs and services to individuals as soon as possible, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.